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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2006.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments filed January 6, 2006, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Claims 1-8 and 12 are pending and have been examined. Claims 9-11 have been withdrawn in reply to Election / Restriction mailed on December 12, 2005.

Response to Amendment

3. The objection to the drawings is withdrawn.
4. Claims 1-8 stand rejected over **Solomon** (US Patent 6,269,409), **Toda** (US Patent Application Publication 2002/0029301), and **Herbert et al.** (US Patent 5,757,919, hereinafter Herbert).
5. Solomon teaches a second component program executing in the second operating system selectively performing a command issued by the first component program if execution thereof has been designated as permitted in advance (columns 4-5). Even assuming arguendo the cited passage does not read on "a second component program executing in the second operating system selectively performing a command issued by the first component program if execution thereof has been designated as permitted in advance", it was conventional and well known that operating systems provide means to determine whether actions are allowable or not, therefore, it would have been obvious to modify Solomon to provide such means if Solomon did not already provide for such means.
6. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically

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pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

7. Applicant's arguments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) because they do not clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. Further, they do not show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

Claim Objections

8. Claims 1 and 12 are objected to because of the following informalities: "CPU" must be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

9. Claims 3-4 are objected to because of the following informalities: "OS" must be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

10. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

11. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "second / first component program". There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

12. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

13. Claims 1-3, 7-8, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Solomon.

Regarding claim 1, Solomon teaches a tamper-resistant computer system having a CPU and a main memory for executing application software (column 3, lines 5-33), comprising: a first operating system (column 3, lines 47-50, 44-65); and a second operating system (column 3, lines 57-59, 44-65); wherein the application software comprises a first component program executed by the first operating system, and a second component program executed by the second operating system (column 4, lines 33-57), wherein the first component program has a user interface for receiving an operational instruction from a user of the computer system and for issuing a command to the second component program, and wherein the second component program selectively performs the command issued by the first component program if execution thereof has been designated as permitted in advance, thereby preventing the second component program from being accessed by the user (column 5, lines 5-43).

Regarding claim 2, Solomon teaches a communication control program that sends a command issued by the first component program to the second component program if execution thereof is permitted (column 5, lines 21-33).

Regarding claim 3, Solomon teaches a multi-os control program for controlling the first and second operating systems (column 3, lines 55-60); wherein the multi-os

control program establishes a particular region in a memory area managed by the first operating system (column 5, lines 10-15) so that the particular region can be referred to by the communication control program, wherein the user interface of the first component program writes the command into the particular region for issuance thereof (column 5, lines 10-15), and wherein, by referring to the particular region, the communication control program reads a command stored in the particular region by the first component program (column 5, lines 21-33), and then, by making reference to a list of the permitted commands held in a memory area managed by the second operating system, the communication control program sends the command to the second component program if the command is in the list (column 5, lines 21-33).

Regarding claim 7, Solomon teaches wherein, at start of the second component program, the second component program adds a command permitted for the first component program to the list of permitted commands (column 5, lines 20-33), and wherein, at the time of termination of the second component program, the second component program removes the command from the list of permitted commands (column 5, lines 34-37) (column 5, lines 5-43).

Regarding claim 8, Solomon teaches wherein the second component program comprises a command processing program for command execution (column 4, lines 45-57), and a communication control program through which a command issued by the first component program is sent to the command processing program if execution thereof is permitted (column 4, lines 58-67).

Regarding claim 12, Solomon teaches a tamper-resistant computer system having a CPU and a main memory for executing application software (column 3, lines 1-67, column 4, lines 1-67), comprising: a first operating system (column 3, lines 47-50, 44-65); a second operating system (column 3, lines 57-59, 44-65); a first application-level program executing on the first operating system (column 4, lines 1-67, column 5, lines 1-67); and a second application-level program executing on the second operating system (column 4, lines 1-67, column 5, lines 1-67), wherein the first application-level program has a user interface for receiving an operational instruction from a user of the computer system, herein the first application-level program is configured to issue a command to the second component program in response to input received by the user interface, wherein the second application-level program performs the command issued by the first component program if execution thereof has been designated as permitted in advance, thereby preventing the second component program from being accessed by the user (column 5, lines 1-67, column 6, lines 1-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

14. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

15. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Solomon, and further in view of Toda.

Regarding claim 4, Solomon does not disclose a tamper-resistant hardware module for storing a system boot program; wherein the tamper-resistant computer system includes an initial program for reading the system boot program at system

startup, wherein the system boot program includes a function for executing the multi-OS control program, and wherein the multi-OS control program includes a function for executing the first and second operating systems. Toda teaches a tamper-resistant hardware module for storing a system boot program (page 2, column 2, paragraphs 40-42); wherein the tamper-resistant computer system includes an initial program for reading the system boot program at system startup (page 3, column 1, paragraph 49), wherein the system boot program includes a function for executing the multi-OS control program, and wherein the multi-OS control program includes a function for executing the first and second operating systems (page 3, column 2, paragraphs 51-53).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a control program (loader) that executes the first and second operating systems. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to allow two distinct operating systems to operate at the same time and independently of each other (Toda, page 1, paragraphs 2 and 14-16).

16. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Solomon and Toda, and further in view of Herbert.

Regarding claim 5, the combination of Solomon and Toda teaches wherein the second component program comprises a system boot program (page 3, column 1, paragraph 49). Solomon and Toda do not expressly disclose wherein the second component program comprises cryptographic software, and digital signature, wherein the hardware module includes a decryption key for the cryptographic software and a function for authenticating the system boot program, wherein the system boot program

includes a function for performing authentication for the hardware module, a function for extracting the decryption key for the cryptographic software from the hardware module, and a function for decrypting the cryptographic software with the decryption key extracted from the hardware module, and wherein, according to a command from the first component program, the system boot program is executed, and in response the cryptographic software is decrypted and executed. However, Herbert teaches wherein the second component program comprises cryptographic software (column 4, lines 7-15), and digital signature (column 4, lines 7-15), wherein the hardware module includes a decryption key for the cryptographic software (column 4, lines 16-42) and a function for authenticating the system boot program, wherein the system boot program includes a function for performing authentication for the hardware module, a function for extracting the decryption key for the cryptographic software from the hardware module (column 5, lines 1-25), and a function for decrypting the cryptographic software with the decryption key extracted from the hardware module (column 5, lines 1-25), and wherein, according to a command from the first component program, the system boot program is executed, and in response the cryptographic software is decrypted and executed. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use cryptography and authenticate the boot program. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to maintain integrity and confidentiality (Herbert, Abstract, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 6, the combination of Solomon, Toda, and Herbert teaches the limitations as set forth under claim 5 above. Furthermore, Herbert teaches wherein the

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hardware module further includes a decryption key for cryptographic data to be used by the second component program, and wherein the second component decrypts the cryptographic data (column 4, lines 16-42).

Conclusion

17. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

18. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David G. Cervetti whose telephone number is (571) 272-5861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, off on Wednesday.

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20. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

21. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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